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In re Application of
Nathaniel. T. Becker et al.
Serial No.: 09/285,632
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For: **MODIFIED STARCH COATING**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2000, please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below. This response is considered timely. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, until November 10, 2000, accompanies this communication.

Please add the following new claims:

22. A coating comprising,
- (i) a modified starch wherein the modification includes ethylation, acetylation, methylation, hydroxypropyl substitution, hydroxyethyl substitution, carboxymethyl substitution or hydroxypropyl methyl substitution;
- (ii) a plasticizer; and

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